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SPEECH CODING APPARATUS AND SPEECH DECODING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-7 as follows. A clean version of the amended claims is attached to this paper.

1. (Amended) A speech coding apparatus including at least:

a spectrum parameter calculation section for receiving a speech signal, obtaining a spectrum parameter, and quantizing the spectrum parameter,

an adaptive codebook section for obtaining a delay and a gain from a past quantized sound source signal by using an adaptive codebook, and obtaining a residue by predicting a speech signal, and

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